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SNAPSHOTS

FROM LITERACY SUFFOLK

Message from the Executive Director

As the recently appointed Literacy Suffolk Executive Director, I'd like to welcome you to our first edition of Snapshot! Although 2019 began on a sad note for us, the passing of our previous executive director, Gini Booth, we look forward to an amazing year – especially, because that's what she would have wanted for all our volunteers, students and staff.



We are bringing Snapshots to you because we want our friends and supporters to know what we are up to. For those who are not familiar with Literacy Suffolk and our mission, we take this opportunity to introduce ourselves.

Our mission statement: Literacy Suffolk, Inc. affects countywide change by improving individual literacy and adult literacy skills through the valuable use of trained volunteers, by expanding community awareness and by providing literacy to all adults, especially those of low to moderate incomes who are underserved and limited in their abilities to advance themselves and their families, and to allow them to contribute and partake in the fruits of our society.

Several times a year, we hold tutor trainings facilitated by Literacy Suffolk trainers at various libraries throughout the county. Volunteers are then matched with adult student applicants according to their availability. This past year, we also implemented an online tutor training platform monitored by Literacy New York. This year, like every year, our goal is to bring our literacy services to as many adults as possible by training more volunteer tutors than ever before and matching them with adults seeking to improve their literacy skills. We believe that adults with improved literacy skills not only improve their personal and family situation, but also contribute to a democratic society in ways in which they were unable before.

In November of 2018, we celebrated our 40th year of service to the Suffolk County community, and we look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries. This is not something we can do alone. We are proud of our working relationship with so many of the libraries across the county and, of course, more than grateful for our close ties with everyone at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System.

In order to continue with our mission, we rely upon grant money and donations from both the business community and the community at large. We invite you to visit our website for more information about Literacy Suffolk, attend our events – we'd love to meet you, and please consider a donation to our cause, so we can touch many more lives.

To our collective success,
Susan Shiloni
Executive Director



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Did you know that our students come from 47 countries besides the US?



Afghanistan	Egypt	Japan	South Korea
Argentina	El Salvador	Lebanon	South Vietnam
Bangladesh	Ethiopia	Lithuania	Spain
Bolivia	Guatemala	Macau	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Guyana	Mexico	Taiwan
Chile	Haiti	Pakistan	Thailand
China	Honduras	Paraguay	Togo
Colombia	India	Peru	Turkey
Costa Rica	Iran	Poland	Ukraine
Cuba	Israel	Portugal	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	Italy	Puerto Rico	West Indies
Ecuador	Jamaica	Russia	



Online training available for both BLL and ELL

Train from home!

Meet with our coordinator for only 1 hour to complete paperwork and set up your account.

Registration always open!



Workshop #387

Middle Country Public Library - ELL

Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

June 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd 2019

Middle Country Public Library - *Selden Branch*

575 Middle Country Road, Selden, NY 11784

(Family Place Training Room 2nd Fl)

Workshop #388

Huntington Public Library - ELL

Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30-8:30pm

August 5th, 7th, 12th, & 14th 2019

Huntington Public Library - *Station Branch*

1335 NY Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746

Workshop #389

Riverhead Free Library - ELL

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-8:30pm

August 6th, 8th, 13th, & 15th 2019

Riverhead Free Library

330 Court St, Riverhead, NY 11901

Message from the Board President

Dear Friends of Literacy Suffolk,

For those of you who don't know us, Literacy Suffolk has been teaching illiterate adults how to read and comprehend English for over 40 years.

As a not-for-profit corporation, we rely heavily on your contributions to sustain the everyday costs of recruiting and training tutors, providing teaching materials, testing and satisfying achievement goals to maintain certifications and grant eligibilities, and for supporting our tremendously dedicated and talented staff.

I am also excited to tell you that our Board has increased 150% since last year and the infusion of energy and special skills has been inspiring. In addition, while we are all saddened by the death of our former long-time Executive Director, Gini Booth, we are all striving to keep up with the enthusiasm, leadership and excitement generated by our new Executive Director

(though long-time staff member), Susan Shiloni.

I know there are many worthy organizations looking to your generosity but the satisfaction of contributing to providing the key – for that is what literacy is – to success, to education, to the joys of reading, to better parenting, to contributing to our communities and society in general, to being independent, to economic betterment, to becoming citizens for many and improving the quality of life for our students and their families will be worth more than just the dollars you may contribute.

So please make a contribution to Literacy Suffolk. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and go a long way to adding to the quality of life, not only for our students but for all of us.

Thank you,
Robert Margolin

Children whose parents have low literacy levels have a 72% chance of reading at the lowest level. These children are more likely to get poor grades, display behavioral problems, have high absentee rates, repeat grades or drop out of school. The more educated the parents, the greater the likelihood their children will succeed.

Did You Know?



Mambo Loco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

89 North Music Venue
89 N Ocean Avenue
Patchogue, NY 11772
2:00 PM



Literacy Suffolk Inc., Fundraiser!
Panera Bread!

Keep an eye out for an email or a social media announcement.

Then, print out the flyer or show it from your phone.



TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH

The Grill in the Ville
756 Horseblock Road
Farmingville, NY 11738
7:00 PM

Follow us!



@LiteracySuffolk

Here's how you can help...

Thank you for supporting Literacy Suffolk, Inc.

For over 40 years Literacy Suffolk has provided adult literacy services to thousands of Suffolk County residents. Your generous donation helps us to train additional volunteers, support our volunteer base, and lower the current student waiting list.

My Contribution:

Method of Payment (You can also make your gift **ONLINE** by visiting www.LiteracySuffolk.org. Click the **Donate** button to be taken to a secure website.)

<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
Please charge my: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover					
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